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PRESS RELEASE - BASS COAST BOARDRIDERS CLUB.

Victoria's Pulp Mill – the Wonthaggi desalination plant.

Surfers for generations have cherished the pristine beaches directly affected by the Victoria's Pulp Mill – the Wonthaggi desalination plant.

When Dr Black, the government's own independent oceanographer at the EES hearings on Wednesday 29th October darkly suggested the best place in Victoria for such a plant is Tasmania we should all be concerned. But we are horrified at what Dr Jochen Kaempf, the independent expert witness on oceanography had to say.

The Desecration Plant will spew out a cocktail of toxic effluent that will not disperse as the government initially predicted and may well cause upwellings of toxic muck into the shallows, an area in which marine life, surfers and other lovers of the sea frequent.

Dr Kaempf, from Flinders University(SA), is to be congratulated for his courage. He has virtually donated his time to testify whilst other experts concerned for their careers funded by government projects look on. We hope others in the community now find their voice against this disgrace.

We believe Melbournians deserve the right to feel proud of their water supply. With other cleaner greener options available such as recycling water proceeding with a plant that will wreck our Victorian coastline and poison our friends and family will sadly make melbourne water reek with guilt.

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